IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DANIELLE RAE BOWER, Bankruptcy No. 23-20273-GLT

Debtor. Chapter 13

KENNEDY BOWER, Document No.

Movant, Related to Doc. Nos. 14 & 20

vs.

DANIELLE RAE BOWER, Hearing Date and Time:

March 20, 2023 at 1:00pm

Respondent.

OBJECTION TO DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 13 PLAN DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2023

AND NOW, comes Kennedy Bower, by and through her undersigned counsel, and files the within **Objection to Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan Dated February 21, 2023** as follows:

- 1. Danielle Rae Bower ("Debtor") filed her Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") on February 21, 2023.
- 2. On February 22, 2023, a Notice of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy was filed, which Notice scheduled an initial hearing on the Plan for March 20, 2023.
- 3. The Debtor has a life estate in real property ("Property") located at 4101 Pokolodi Circle, Addison, Texas 75001. Kennedy Bower ("Movant") has a remainderman interest in the Property.
 - 4. The Plan states that the Debtor intends to sell the Property.

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5. However, as Debtor merely holds a life estate, Debtor is barred from

seeking a sale of the Property under 11 U.S.C. § 363 (h).

6. While 11 U.S.C. § 363 (h) permits the Debtor to sell property in which both

the debtor and a nondebtor maintain a property interest, the property interest must fit

into one of the following three categories: (1) a tenancy in common; (2) a joint tenancy;

or (3) a tenancy by the entireties. See, Kovacs v. Sargent (In re Sargent), 337 B.R. 661,

663 (N.D.OH. 2006).

7. Here, the Debtor's life estate interest does not fit into any of the three

categories. In fact, the Court in Kovacs specifically held that a Debtor cannot sell a

property when her interest is limited to that of a life estate. *Id. at 666-67*.

8. Accordingly, the Plan should not be confirmed.

WHEREFORE, Kennedy Bower respectfully requests that this Honorable Court

deny confirmation of the Chapter 13 Plan dated February 21, 2023.

Dated: March 16, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of March 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Objection to Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan** Dated February 21, 2023 was served upon the following via electronic service:

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